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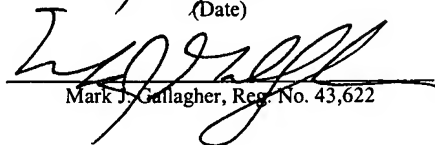
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Applicant : Rich, et al.
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.